



Pakistanis shops in a weekly pet market in Lahore, Pakistan, Monday, Nov. 13, 2022.

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Biden-Xi summit: What Biden wants, what Xi wants

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LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — The world's population will likely hit an estimated 8 billion people on Tuesday, according to a United Nations projection, with much of the growth coming from developing nations in Africa.

Among them is Nigeria, where resources are already stretched to the limit. More than 15 million people in Lagos compete for everything from electricity to light their

homes to spots on crowded buses, often for two-hour commutes each way in this sprawling megacity. Some Nigerian children set off for school as early as 5 a.m. And over the next three decades, the West African nation's population is expected to soar even more: from 216 million this year to 375 million, the U.N. says. That will put Nigeria in a tie for third place with the United States after India and China.

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"We are already overstretching what we have — the housing, roads, the hospitals, schools. Everything is overstretched," said Gyang Dalyop, an urban planning and development consultant in Nigeria. The U.N.'s Day of 8 Billion milestone Tuesday is more symbolic than precise, officials are careful to note in a wide-ranging report released over the summer that makes some staggering projections.

The upward trend threatens to leave even more people in developing countries further behind, as governments struggle to provide enough classrooms and jobs for a rapidly growing number of youth, and food insecurity becomes an even more urgent problem.

Nigeria is among eight countries the U.N. says will account for more than half the world's population growth between now and 2050 — along with fellow African nations Congo, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

"The population in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa is projected to double between 2022 and 2050, putting additional pressure on already strained resources and challenging policies aimed to reduce poverty and inequalities," the U.N. report said.

It projected the world's population will reach around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and 10.4 billion in 2100.

Other countries rounding out the list with the fastest growing populations are Egypt, Pakistan, the Philippines and India, which is set to overtake China as the world's most populous nation next year.

In Congo's capital, Kinshasa, where more than 12 million people live, many families struggle to find affordable housing and pay school fees. While elementary pupils attend for free, older children's chances depend on their parents' incomes.

"My children took turns" going to school, said Luc



People enjoy the Ipanema beach, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, Nov.13, 2022.

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Kyungu, a Kinshasa truck driver who has six children. "Two studied while others waited because of money. If I didn't have so many children, they would have finished their studies on time." Rapid population growth also means more people vying for scarce water resources and leaves more families facing hunger as climate change increasingly impacts crop production in many parts of the world.

"There is also a greater pressure on the environment, increasing the challenges to food security that is also compounded by climate change," said Dr. Srinath Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India. "Reducing inequality while focusing on adapting and mitigating climate change should be where our policy makers' focus should be."

Still, experts say the bigger threat to the environment is consumption, which is highest in developed countries not undergoing big population increases.

"Global evidence shows that a small portion of the world's people use most of the Earth's resources and produce most of its greenhouse gas emissions," said Poonam Muttreja, executive director of the Population Foundation of India. "Over the past 25 years, the richest 10% of the global population has been responsible for more than half of all carbon emissions."

According to the U.N., the population in sub-Saharan Africa is growing at 2.5% per year — more than three times the global average. Some of that can be attributed to people living longer, but family size remains the driving factor. Women in sub-Saharan Africa on average have 4.6 births, twice the current global average of 2.3.

Families become larger when women start having children early, and 4 out of 10 girls in Africa marry before they turn 18, according to U.N. figures. The rate of teen pregnancy on the continent is the highest in the world — about half of

the children born last year to mothers under 20 worldwide were in sub-Saharan Africa.

Still, any effort to reduce family size now would come too late to significantly slow the 2050 growth projections, the U.N. said. About two-thirds of it "will be driven by the momentum of past growth."

"Such growth would occur even if childbearing in today's high-fertility countries were to fall immediately to around two births per woman," the report found.

There are also important cultural reasons for large families. In sub-Saharan Africa, children are seen as a blessing and as a source of support for their elders — the more sons and daughters, the greater comfort in retirement.

Still, some large families "may not have what it takes to actually feed them," says Eunice Azimi, an insurance broker in Lagos and mother of three.

"In Nigeria, we believe that it is God that gives children," she said. "They see

it as the more children you have, the more benefits. And you are actually overtaking your peers who cannot have as many children. It looks like a competition in villages."

Politics also have played a role in Tanzania, where former President John Magufuli, who ruled the East African country from 2015 until his death in 2021, discouraged birth control, saying that a large population was good for the economy.

He opposed family planning programs promoted by outside groups, and in a 2019 speech urged women not to "block ovaries." He even described users of contraceptives as "lazy" in a country he said was awash with cheap food. Under Magufuli, pregnant schoolgirls were even banned from returning to classrooms.

But his successor, Samia Suluhu Hassan, appeared to reverse government policy in comments last month when she said birth control was necessary in order not to overwhelm the country's public infrastructure.

Even as populations soar in some countries, the U.N. says rates are expected to drop by 1% or more in 61 nations.

The U.N. report put the current U.S. population at 337 million, reaching 375 million in 2050. The population growth rate in 2021 was just 0.1%, the lowest since the country was founded.

"Going forward, we're going to have slower growth — the question is, how slow?" said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution.

"The real wild card for the U.S. and many other developed countries is immigration."

Charles Kenny, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, says environmental concerns surrounding the 8 billion mark should focus on consumption, particularly in developed countries.

"Population is not the problem, the way we consume is the problem — let's change our consumption patterns," he said. □

McCarthy wins nomination for House speaker, but grind ahead

By LISA MASCARO and FARNOUSH AMIRI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leader Kevin McCarthy won the nomination Tuesday for House speaker, clearing a first step with majority support from his colleagues, but he now faces a weeks-long slog to quell right-flank objections before a final vote in the new year.

McCarthy has led House Republicans this far, and with the party now on the cusp of majority control, he has a chance to seize the gavel from Nancy Pelosi if Democrats are defeated. The GOP leader won a 188-31 vote, with ballots cast by new and returning lawmakers, but the challenges ahead are clear. McCarthy will need to grind out support from no fewer than 218 lawmakers from his slim ranks when the new Congress convenes in January, leaving just a few votes to spare.

"We're going to have the ability to change America," McCarthy said, upbeat as he entered the private meeting.

He noted backing from right-flank Republicans Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia and Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio as part of his "vast support." But Republican leaders are facing an intense backlash on Capitol Hill over their disappointing performance in the midterm elections, when McCarthy's promises of a GOP sweep that would transform Washington collapsed. Instead, the House could have one of the slimmest majorities in 90 years, leaving McCarthy exposed to challengers.

The fallout is spilling down-ballot into other Republican leadership races and into the Senate, where Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell will face a challenge from GOP Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, the party's campaign chairman, in Wednesday's elections. Scott announced his bid at a party lunch Tuesday.

The former chairman of the conservative House

Freedom Caucus, Rep. Andy Biggs of Arizona, announced he was challenging McCarthy, saying Americans want a "new direction."

"The promised red wave turned into a loss of the United States Senate, a razor-thin majority in the House of Representatives, and upset losses of premiere political candidates," Biggs said in a statement. "McCarthy does not have the votes needed to become the next Speaker of the House and his speakership should not be a foregone conclusion."

Many in the Republican Party are blaming their losses on Donald Trump, the former president who endorsed hundreds of candidates, many of them far-right contenders rejected by voters. Trump is expected to announce his 2024 bid for the White House from his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida on Tuesday evening.

It's not just McCarthy whose leadership is in question but his entire team. This includes Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., the campaign chairman who traditionally would be rewarded with a leadership spot but finds himself in a three-way race for GOP whip that was forced into a second-round of voting.

The No. 2 Republican, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, had an easier time, winning the majority leader spot uncontested, by voice vote. He pledged that House Republicans, if they win the majority, will launch "oversight necessary to hold the Biden Administration accountable."

And one of Trump's top allies in the House, Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York — the third-ranking House Republican and the first lawmaker to back Trump in a 2024 run — is working to fend off rival Rep. Byron Donalds, a Black Republican from Florida seen by many lawmakers as a potential new party leader.

A self-described "Trump-supporting, liberty-loving, pro-life, pro-Second Amendment Black man," Donalds said after a closed-

door forum late Monday he has enough support for the race with Stefanik to be close.

Trump backs McCarthy for speaker, but the two have had a rocky relationship, and even Trump's support is no guarantee McCarthy will reach the needed 218 votes when the new Congress convenes, particularly if Republicans win the House with just a slim, few-seat majority that would leave him no cushion for detractors. It's a familiar dynamic for House Republicans, one that befell their most recent Republican speakers — John Boehner and Paul Ryan — who both retired early rather than try to lead a party splintered by its far-right flank.

McCarthy survived those



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, of Calif., talks to reporters, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, on Capitol Hill in Washington. Associated Press

earlier battles between party factions, but he was forced to back out of a bid for the speaker's job in 2015 when it was clear he did not have support from conservatives.

The weeks ahead promise

to be a grueling period of hardball negotiations with the Freedom Caucus and rank-and-file Republicans as McCarthy tries to appease them and rack up the support he will need in the new year. □

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Pelosi attack suspect pleads not guilty to federal charges

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

A man accused in last month's attack on U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband pleaded not guilty Tuesday to federal charges of attempting to kidnap a federal official and assaulting a federal official's family member.

David DePape, appearing in orange clothes without handcuffs, was assigned a public defender who entered the plea on his behalf during a brief court appearance.

DePape, 42, of Richmond, a San Francisco suburb, was indicted last week on the federal charges arising from an Oct. 28 break-in at the Pelosis' San Francisco home days before the mid-term elections. The attack on Paul Pelosi happened as threats against lawmakers and election officials have been at all-time highs and authorities have issued warnings about rising extremism in the U.S.

DePape, a fringe activist



David DePape is shown in Berkeley, Calif., on Dec. 13, 2013.

Associated Press

drawn to conspiracy theories, also has separately pleaded not guilty to state charges of attempted murder, burglary and elder abuse.

The federal charges include assault upon an immediate family member of

a U.S. official with the intent to retaliate against the official on account of the performance of official duties. That carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in federal prison.

A second charge alleges DePape attempted to kid-

nap a U.S. official on account of the performance of official duties. That could bring a maximum 20 years in prison. The indictment alleges DePape intended to kidnap Nancy Pelosi.

Officers responding to Paul Pelosi's 911 call found Paul

Pelosi and DePape fighting over a hammer, the indictment alleges. An officer ordered DePape to drop the hammer but he responded, "ummm nope," before forcefully swinging it at Paul Pelosi, it says.

The sequence lasted about 15 seconds, it says, but left Pelosi and DePape lying on the floor with blood swelling around Paul Pelosi's head. He was treated at a hospital for a fractured skull.

Paul Pelosi told a 911 dispatcher that he was sleeping when a man he had never seen before entered his bedroom looking for Nancy Pelosi, who was in Washington, D.C. Officers later found a broken glass door to the back porch. They recovered zip ties, a roll of tape, white rope, a second hammer, and a pair of rubber and cloth gloves.

Christine Pelosi, one of the Pelosis' children, sat in the courtroom during DePape's appearance.

DePape is being held without bail in state custody. □

U.S. agency sued over hands-off decision on Okefenokee mine

By **RUSS BYNUM**

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) —

Conservation groups filed suit Tuesday against a U.S. government agency challenging its decision to allow a mining project to move forward without federal permits near the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp's vast wildlife refuge.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court accuses the Army Corps of Engineers of contradicting its own policies and violating federal law when the agency

agreed in August to relinquish regulatory jurisdiction over the proposed mine near the Georgia-Florida line.

It's the latest move by environmentalists seeking to stop Twin Pines Minerals from mining titanium dioxide near the eastern edge of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. It's the largest refuge east of the Mississippi River, covering 630 square miles (1,630 square kilometers). Government scientists have warned that mining near

the swamp's bowl-like rim could damage its ability to hold water.

"The Corps has stripped the proposed mine site of not only protections provided by a Clean Water Act permit, but also a host of other protections guaranteed by federal law," attorneys for the Southern Environmental Law Center said in the lawsuit, filed on behalf of four conservation groups.

The Army Corps said it doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Shifting answers by the Army Corps over whether the federal government has regulatory authority over the Georgia project have vexed Alabama-based Twin Pines and opponents of the planned mine for more than two years.

That's because the rules have changed twice since the company began applying for mining permits in 2019.

President Donald Trump's

administration narrowed the types of waterways qualifying for protection under the Clean Water Act, prompting the Army Corps to declare in 2020 that it no longer had jurisdiction over wetlands on the Twin Pines project site.

The Army Corps then briefly reasserted authority in June after Trump's regulatory rollbacks were scrapped by federal courts and President Joe Biden's administration sought to restore federal oversight of Twin Pines' proposed mine.

The company responded by suing the government. In August, the Army Corps agreed to a legal settlement that again let the planned mine move ahead without its interference.

That's left Georgia state regulators with sole permitting authority over the project. The state Environmental Protection Division is still reviewing Twin Pines' permit applications.

The conservation groups'

lawsuit says the Army Corps' hands-off agreement with Twin Pines contradicts the agency's own internal guidance that says landowners can no longer rely on jurisdictional waivers made under the invalidated Trump-era rules.

It also says the decision violates the Administrative Procedures Act. The groups are asking a court to vacate the Army Corps' agreement with Twin Pines. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the National Wildlife Refuge Association, the National Parks Conservation Association, Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity.

The sprawling Okefenokee refuge is home to alligators, bald eagles and other protected species. The swamp's wildlife, cypress forests and flooded prairies draw roughly 600,000 visitors each year, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the refuge. □



An American alligator basks in lily pads beside a wilderness water trail in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, April 6, 2022, in Fargo, Ga.

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U.S. Navy: 70 tons of missile fuel from Iran to Yemen seized

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The U.S. Navy said Tuesday it found 70 tons of a missile fuel component hidden among bags of fertilizer aboard a ship bound to Yemen from Iran, the first such seizure in that country's yearslong war as a cease-fire there has broken down.

The Navy said the amount of ammonium perchlorate discovered could fuel more than a dozen medium-range ballistic missiles, the same weapons Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels have used to target both forces allied to the country's internationally recognized government and the Saudi-led coalition that supports them.

The apparent rearming effort comes as Iran has threatened Saudi Arabia, the United States and other nations over the monthslong protests calling for the overthrow the



In this photo released by the U.S. Navy, sailors inventory urea and ammonium perchlorate found on a dhow intercepted in the Gulf of Oman on Nov. 9, 2022.

Islamic Republic's theocracy. Tehran blames foreign powers rather than its own frustrated population for fomenting the protests, which have seen at least 344 people killed and 15,820 people arrested amid a widening crack-down on dissent there.

The Houthis and Iran's mission to the United Nations did not respond to requests for comment.

"This type of shipment and just the massive volume of explosive material is a serious concern because it is destabilizing," Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins, a spokesman

for Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet, told The Associated Press. "The unlawful transport of weapons from Iran to Yemen leads to instability and violence."

The U.S. Coast Guard ship USCGC John Scheuerman and guided-missile destroyer USS The Sullivans stopped

a traditional wooden sailing vessel known as a dhow in the Gulf of Oman on Nov. 8, the Navy said.

During a weeklong search, sailors discovered bags of ammonium perchlorate hidden inside of what initially appeared to be a shipment of 100 tons of urea.

Urea, a fertilizer, also can be used to manufacture explosives.

The dhow was so weighted down by the shipment that it posed a hazard to nearby shipping in the Gulf of Oman, a route that leads from the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf, out to the Indian Ocean.

The Navy ended up sinking the ship with much of the material still on board due to the danger, Hawkins said.

The Sullivans handed over the four Yemeni crew members to the country's internationally recognized government on Tuesday. □

Experts blame genetic mutation for Australian girls' deaths

SYDNEY (AP) — Two genetic experts told an inquiry in Sydney on Tuesday that a rare genetic mutation probably caused the deaths of two daughters of an Australian woman who was convicted of killing them. The inquiry is examining new scientific evidence that Kathleen Folbigg's four young children may have died of natural causes between 1989 and 1999. Folbigg, now 55, was found guilty in 2003 of three charges of murder and one of manslaughter. But growing numbers of scientists are convinced that recent genetic breakthroughs have created reasonable doubt of her guilt. □



Professor Mette Nyegaard, left, and Professor Michael Toft Overgaard return from a break for the second inquiry into Kathleen Folbigg's convictions for killing four of her children in Sydney, Australia, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022.

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South Koreans abroad want probe into their past adoptions

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

A group of South Korean adoptees in Europe rallied in Seoul with their local supporters on Tuesday, urging South Korean authorities to investigate their adoptions decades ago that they say were based on falsified documents and involved rights abuses.

About 200,000 South Koreans were adopted overseas in the past decades, mostly in the 1970-80s and mainly to white parents in the United States and Europe. Critics say past authoritarian leaders in South Korea saw adoptions as a way to reduce the number of mouths to feed, solve the "problem" of unwed mothers and deepen ties with the democratic West.

"Our main goal is that all adoptees should have access to their own true information background information," said Peter Møller, attorney and co-head of the Danish Korean Rights Group who was adopted to Denmark in 1974. "We are now fighting for the rights to know our own true story."

Møller said his group has so far relayed more than 300



Peter Møller, fourth from left, attorney and co-founder of the Danish Korean Rights Group, attends a press conference with a group of South Korean adoptees in front of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022.

applications by South Korean adoptees abroad calling for investigations of their adoptions to South Korea's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. His colleagues said that 24 of the applications were filed Tuesday and came from Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, the United States and other countries.

Some adoptees and their supporters demand the Truth and Reconciliation Commission establish that

the government should also be held accountable for failing to monitor agencies and confirm whether the uptick in adoptions was fueled by increasingly larger payments and donations from adoptive parents, which apparently motivated agencies to create their own supply. The complaints by adoptees who filed the application include inaccurate or falsified information in adoption papers that distort their

biological origins, such as wrong birth names, dates or locations, or details about birth parents. Møller said his group also submitted to the commission new evidence showing the successive South Korean governments played a role in adoptions and "atrocities" committed by the then main adoption agency, Holt. He accused previous governments of initiating adoptions to "deport mixed children, handicapped (children) and

children from unwed mothers." He also blamed Holt for participating in "ethnic cleansing" to deport mixed children and of being responsible for alleged sexual abuse of South Korean children in its facilities.

Holt Children's Services in Seoul didn't immediately respond to a request for comments on Møller's accusations.

Tuesday's rally was peaceful and drew about 10 people including those adopted abroad or domestically and activists. They held a large placard, chanted slogans calling for government investigations of adoptions and took turns to speak in front of the commission building.

"The reason why we want to find the truth of past incidents isn't meant to punish someone but is meant to resolve the resentment (of adoptees) and prevent the recurrence of similar incidents," activist Min Young Chang read from a joint statement by South Korean civic groups. "When we resolve their resentment, adoptees in foreign countries can recover their identities and reconcile with adoption agencies and the Republic of Korea." □

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Albania: Wrong for Britain to blame Tirana on migrants

By **LLAZAR SEMINI**

Associated Press

TIRANA, Albania (AP) —

Albania's prime minister said Tuesday that Britain is carrying out a "calculated attack" on his country by blaming it for the increased number of migrants crossing the English Channel.

Edi Rama said that the new U.K. Cabinet was scapegoating Albanians because it "has gone down a blind alley with its new policy resulting from Brexit." Britain has seen more than 40,000 migrants crossing the Channel in small boats this year, a record high. Almost a third are Albanians, according to the U.K. government.

The U.K. and France signed

an agreement Monday that will see more police patrol beaches in northern France in an attempt to stop migrants from trying to cross in small boats.

British authorities accuse Albanian criminal gangs of "abusing" Britain's asylum system and modern slavery laws.

Ged McCann, intelligence manager at the National Crime Agency, said organized crime groups from Albania were "effectively bringing in the labor force" for illegal marijuana-growing operations in boats across the English Channel. "Many individuals that are arrested in cannabis (farms) arrived in the country a matter of days before

on small boats," he said.

U.K. interior minister Suella Braverman has described the cross arrivals as an "invasion on our southern coast" words that drew criticism at home and abroad. Rama blasted her words as a "crazy narrative" and attempt to cover up for the U.K.'s failed borders policies.

"The fact there came no apology shows it was a calculated attack," he added Tuesday.

Rama said that visa liberalization would help lower the number of people arriving illegally, but the U.K. government's policy is "completely the reverse."

"The British government has launched a blind alley road



This photo provided by Albanian Prime Minister's Office shows Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama speaking at a news conference denouncing Britain's "calculated attack" on his country referring to the increased number of Albanian migrants entering the island, in Tirana, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022.

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with its new policy that has resulted from Brexit," he said at a news conference. Last week, U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office said it was "extremely grateful" for Albania's cooperation on managing migration. Sunak has described the

migrant crisis as a "serious and escalating problem." He acknowledged that "not enough" asylum claims are being processed, but maintained his Conservative government was getting a grip on the situation. □

CEDE Aruba presents Strategic Compass

Acting Governor, Mr. Vrolijk unveiled new logo for CEDE Aruba

ORANJESTAD – With great enthusiasm, CEDE Aruba presented their “strategic compass”, a wide plan for the development of the Aruban community. In the presence of His Excellency, Acting Governor Mr. Agustín Vrolijk, minister of Justice and Social Affairs Mr. Rocco Tjon, representatives from the board of CEDE Aruba and a lot of foundations and social institutions in our community, the new logo was presented, and an explanation was given on the strategic pillars of CEDE Aruba.

In the beginning of the event they went through a journey of the 42 years of work that CEDE Aruba has carried out supporting working initiatives in our community. A history beginning in 1980 when Aruba was part of the Netherlands Antilles, and in this constellation, CEDE Antiyas was

formed.

In 19856, CEDE Aruba became independent and was working with funds of KABNA (Cabinet for Netherlands Antilles and Aruba Affairs). Since the year 2000, CEDE Aruba was financed by the Development Fund of Aruba (FDA) and began collaborating with Samenwerkende Fondsen Cariben (Caribbean Cooperation Funds).

Together they supported many programs and valuable projects that are still functioning to this day.

In 2017, the Government of Aruba signed a collaboration agreement in the long term with CEDE Aruba and Samenwerkende Fondsen Cariben. This made it possible for CEDE Aruba to grow and reach more international partners. CEDE Aruba is the only organization operating in such a way on the islands in the Kingdom



of the Netherlands, the only CEDE remaining after CEDE Antiyas.

After this journey through history, the new logo was presented, which is different and colorful, a symbol for the different roles of CEDE Aruba. The roles that CEDE Aruba has include awarding and intermediating for funds, working to improve organization capacity, advocate for minority groups, work in collaboration between initiatives and help develop new initiatives.

The compass is central in

the logo seeing how CEDE Aruba is helping find a direction for the development of the community.

The strategic compass is based on four pillars: empowering the citizens; prevention in the community and increase in solidarity; reduce intergenerational poverty and support vulnerable groups; help organizations become stronger and align with the necessities of the community.

Mr. Daniel Tecklenborg, director of CEDE Aruba, gave an explanation of the work

of the organization in each pillar and the possible support for organizations.

The second part of the event consisted on workshops and giving information on procedures and application for funds from Samenwerkende Fondsen Cariben; explanations regarding the new volunteering program www.arubavolunteers.org; and explanations regarding the Erasmus Plus and European Solidarity Corps programs to stimulate volunteer work internationally among the youth. □



Workshop Marine Spatial Planning starts the conversation on marine resource planning

ORANJESTAD – Last Tuesday, November 15th, a workshop of Marine Spatial Planning, organized by the Ministry of Nature took place. The goal of the workshop is to highlight the importance of sustainable planning for our natural resources, namely the sea surrounding our island.

During the workshop, ministers and members of Parliament had the opportunity to come together and open dialogue on future national policy for Aruba.

The Marine Spatial Planning workshop was designed by an expert of the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Netherlands

in collaboration with UNESCO. This expert came to Aruba pro bono and provided all materials without any additional cost to guide those in charge of creating policy.

During the workshop, participants gained a better understanding of the importance of Marine Spatial Planning. The topics of marine economy, energy transition and the effects of climate change were discussed.

According to a press release, the workshop is a continuation of the efforts of minister Ursell Arends to reorganize marine plan-

ning. A first step was to institute watersports inventory. The ministry is also working on a sustainable fishing policy, creating the beginning of a national platform of fishermen, and adjusting laws that govern spearfishing.

Minister Arends also expressed his voluntary commitment in the name of Aruba and with the support of the entire Cabinet to expand the Marine Park so it becomes “island-round”, meaning all around Aruba. Through the Marine Spatial Planning workshop, the necessity for more change in the direction of responsible planning was emphasized.



Today there will be another, wider workshop with different local stakeholders on the topic of marine policy, with participation of among others Department of Agriculture and Fishing (Santa Rosa), Aruba Tourism Authority, National Park

Aruba, and the Department of Nature and Environment (DNM).

Minister Arends thanked all participants and experts from the Netherlands who came to assist in the creation of a sustainable maritime policy for Aruba. □

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Aruba Open Beach Tennis Championships 2022 is on



Oranjestad - Aruba was once again honored with the kickoff of Aruba Open Beach Tennis Championships 2022 that will last this whole week until Sunday the 20th.

Sunday, November 13 was the kickoff where Aruba Open held its 1st edition of the Super Tie Break Cup. Players representing Aruba competed against players from around the world such as Germany, USA, France, Netherlands and much more. Teams that reach 10 point first will win the match.



The Super Tie Break Cup was just a warm-up. More like exhibition play for the opening night. Participation was based on invita-

tion only. The first player to win the first edition of Super Tie Break Cup on Bushiri Beach was our own local player Aksel Samardzic.

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Winners of the Super Tie Break Cup are:
For Doubles Women
Christin Nimtz - Germany
Sarah Bolsmann - Germany

Doubles Men
Aksel Samardzic - Aruba
Marty Salokas - USA

There are still many categories to be played. The big doubles finals weekend is this weekend where the championship will be held.

Aruba Open has live DJs and bands every night this week. It is free to watch the matches and it is complementary to enjoy the live entertainment. No tickets needed.

Everyone is welcome. ☐



Catch the Exhilarating and Exciting Cinema Stars Live Show at Paseo Herencia



ORANJESTAD - Rhythm Circus Company Aruba (RCC Aruba) presents their new live show with dance and acrobatic performances after competing in the America's Got Talent show. RCC Aruba will be performing in the Paseo Herencia Ballroom for a limited time on Fridays till December 2nd.

RCC Aruba has over 10 years of experience in acrobatic stunts and dance performances. In 2019 RCC Aruba did their very first international show in China in three different cities, representing Aruba during the opening ceremony and during different gala shows in China Wuguiao International Circus Festival. In January 2022 RCC Aruba participated in one of the three biggest circus competitions in the world, winning the bronze award. In May 2022 they competed in the America's Got Talent (AGT) receiving a standing ovation from all the celebrity judges.

Catch the exciting act performed in the America's Got Talent in the Paseo

Herencia ballroom on November 18, 25, and December 2 at 7:00pm. The show has a duration of 1 hour and 15 min and includes dance performances on the popular celebrity tracks from Elvis Presley, The Phantom of the Opera, Michael Jackson and more. General ticket price is \$35 and VIP seating is \$40. Tickets can be purchased via whatsapp at +297 744 4059 or at the door entrance.

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The Cinema Stars Live Show will take place in Paseo Herencia mall, located on the high-rise strip across from the Holiday Inn; just walking distance from the high-rise hotels. For more information visit the Facebook page from RCC Aruba and Paseo Herencia. □



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The fofoti

Episode CLXXX 180

Etnia Nativa through Island Insight shares native cultural awareness educates and safeguards Aruba's heritage and encourages readers to experiment: an island keeper state of mind. Live and discover true destination values behind our beaches and since this native cultural blog, get more reasons to love Aruba.

During this episode we want to raise awareness about one particular our local tree *Conocarpus erectus*, locally known as "Fofoti" alias buttonwood and button mangrove. Yes, a mangrove shrub which belongs to the Combretaceae family. This species grows on shorelines in tropical and subtropical regions around the world.

A native Aruban tree which is well known for its tenacity. The full shining sun, high alkaline soil and salty air, are all ideal conditions for our "Fofoti", to thrive, making it a perfect tree for coastal areas of our "one happy island". The bark of the Green Buttonwood's becomes very interesting with time since it turns, contorts and twists while gaining size.

As you could have noticed that our Eagle beach Buttonwood tree has been photographed by almost every visitor however it has also been featured mistakenly in many Arubans advertising magazine around the world as iconic specie of the island called Watapana "*Caesalpinia coriaria*" famous for its valuable seed pods or "Divi-divi pods".

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The Fofoti tree - Button mangrove or buttonwood is a low-branched, multi-trunked, shrubby evergreen with glaucous medium-green leaves. It blooms from spring to fall, with inconspicuous greenish flowers emerging in



dense cone-like heads in terminal panicles. The flowers attract butterflies, bees and many other pollinators. They are followed by small purplish-brown non edible button-like fruits; these berries make for an easy identification marker for this species of mangrove. The dark brown attractive bark is ridged and scaly. Although some of the literature indicates the Buttonwoods are slow-growing, others highlight its fast growth after it is established.

Although green buttonwoods look messy at first glance, they are very resistant to wind and make a good addition to a windbreak or a protection belt. They are very resistant to air pollution and salty soil. While these huge, often untidy trees are probably too big for a

small garden, they work great as wildlife trees. Buttonwood trees propagate best from cuttings, which will root effortlessly if gathered during the active growing season. Although rooting hormone is not required, buttonwood cuttings will root faster and perform better overall if treated with mild hormone prior to planting.

This is one of the most important host trees for marine birds and provides significant food and cover for all birds and wildlife in general. The flowers, leaves and rough bark attract many insects and spiders, which, in turn, provide food for insect-eating birds and lizards it's a specie to be considered in reforestation efforts.

Intrigued by Aruba's origins and cultural heritage? Then we encourage you to do something different outside the usual tourist grid. Be an exclusive visitor of Etnia Nativa. A private native Aruban residential set up where you will be able to touch and be touched by contemporary authentic Aruban, art, archaic and archaeological artifacts, lithic tools, colonial furniture and items, an all recycled environment of peace and relaxation, old knowledge education.

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Successful National Weightlifting Championship

ORANJESTAD – Last Sunday, November 13th, Aruba Amateur Weightlifting Association organized their National Weightlifting Championship, which took place in the Sport Complex Frans Figaroa in Noord, in connection with the celebration of ASU-Olympics.

Participating in this National Championship were athletes from TNT Gym, Paradise Strength Aruba, E2Rep and Body Fitness Gym & Nutrition. All four clubs had both female and male participants. In a good environment and with great motivation and enthusiasm, the athletes began the competition at 11am with the female competition.

Below are the female category results. AAWA will publish the male category results in the following days.

In the 55kg category, Cythlyne Lanoy of TNT Gym was in first place, snatch 55kg, clean & jerk 68kg for a total of 123kg. In second place was Nayeli Besaril of E2Rep with a total of 88kg; and in third place was Hanny Miranda of TNT Gym with a total of 71kg.

In the 59kg category, in first place was Jenelle Camara of E2Rep with a total of 85kg.

In the 64kg category, Eliana Gonzalez of BFN won first place with a total of 154kg. In second place, Andrea Galindo of TNT Gym with a total of 125kg; in third place, Chantal Mousalli of TNT Gym with a total of 107kg; in fourth place, Nalia Figaroa of E2Rep with a total of 105kg; and in fifth place, Jeanelly Everon of BFN with a total of 90kg. Chantal Mousalli is only 13 years old and she had a great performance.

In the 71kg category, Nicky Garcia of E2Rep won first place. In second place was Corina Boekhoudt of PSA with a total of 83kg; in third place was Angelli Thode of TNT Gym with 82kg.

In the 76kg category, Nataly Geerman of TNT Gym registered a total of 195kg winning first place.

In the 78kg category, Madeline Martinus of TNT Gym got first place with a total of 126kg.

In the +87 category, Ahley Alberts of BFN registered a total of 108kg and won first place.

At the end of the competition, the overall winners were revealed.

In the Youth Sub-15 category, the absolute winner was Cythlinne Lanoy, with Chantal Mousalli in second place.

In the Youth Sub-17 category, Angellie Thode was in first place and Hanny Miranda in second place.

In the Junior Sub-20 category, the absolute winner was Nataly Geerman, and she won the first place trophy.

Second place trophy went to Nicky Garcia, and third place to Andrea Galindo.

Finally, in the Master 30 category, the absolute winner was Eliana Gonzalez, with Jeanelly Everon in second place and Corina Boekhoudt in third place.

Present at the National Championship was Aruban minister of Education and Sport, Mr. Endy Croes, who gave a speech wishing the athletes success in their competition. Also present was the Technical Commission of Aruban Olympic Committee, integrated by Mrs. Monica Fajardo and Edmundo Josiah, who came to give motivation and speak to some of the athletes who are part of the pre-selection of the Aruban Olympic Committee.

On the images the new president of Aruba Sport Unie, Mrs. Soraida Boekhoudt can be seen awarding medals and trophies to the winning athletes. □



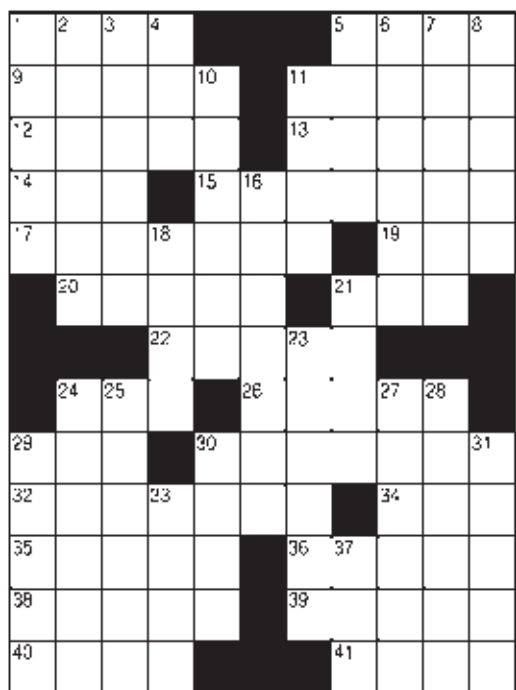
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Yesterday's answer

Millennial Money: What makes a Black Friday deal worth it?

By LAUREN SCHWAHN
of NerdWallet

Black Friday sales are everywhere. Judging by retailers' advertisements stuffed with language like "must-have deals" and "can't-miss epic finds," you'd be led to believe that every deal is too good to pass up.

But what actually makes a Black Friday deal worth pursuing? An item's reduced price, availability and affordability are key elements. Here's what to consider before you buy.

THE ITEM IS SELLING AT THE BEST PRICE

Prices fluctuate throughout the year, making it difficult to recognize whether the deal being offered is actually the best of the best. Most people couldn't say exactly how much a particular air fryer sold for two weeks ago or two months ago, and whether that differs from the price today.

"Things that you buy every week, you notice the price going up. Where if it's something you buy maybe once a year or not very often, like a pair of shoes, you don't know what price is normal or what it was the last time," says Martin Block, professor emeritus in Medill's integrated marketing communications program at Northwestern University. What can you do to become a better judge? Start tracking prices now, says John Boyd, co-founder of ShopSavvy, a price comparison app. Using an app to explore a product's price history can help you see through retailers' marketing tactics. "Sometimes a good sale is really hard to detect because you're just being bombarded with 'Oh, we've got this great



Black Friday shoppers wearing face masks shop at the Citadel Outlets in Commerce, Calif., Nov. 26, 2021.

Associated Press

sale and it's X percent off or Y percent off,' and there's no context at all," Boyd says.

Get familiar with prices in the days leading up to Black Friday, Nov. 25 this year. ShopSavvy and other shopping tools, like PayPal Honey, can also alert you to price drops for specific items and compare prices across retailers so you can find the best deals.

IT'S IN STOCK

Sometimes getting the gift on your list is more important than getting the deepest discount. The 2021 holiday shopping season proved that deals aren't guaranteed to last: Widespread supply chain snags and surging demand resulted in inventory shortages and shipping delays. Many experts believe supply issues won't be as prevalent this year. However, popular items could still fly off shelves. "Certain toys, for example consoles and certain games more than likely, they'll sell out quickly," says G. Tony Bell, an assistant professor in the department of supply chain management at Rutgers Business School. "So

I would say, definitely buy early. The price advantage in buying later than buying earlier is going to be minimal at best."

Shopping early could be the right move even if the product you want significantly drops in price after you buy. "Most stores will let you either return or give you credit if it goes on sale within a certain number of days," says Debra Radway, a certified financial planner and teaching associate professor at the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. Explore retailers' return, exchange and price adjustment policies before you shop so you know what to expect.

IT FITS YOUR BUDGET

Most importantly, a Black Friday deal should fit into your budget. A TV that's in stock and on sale for 99% off still isn't worth buying if the remaining 1% is out of your price range.

As Bell simply puts it: "Buy what you can afford."

Bell cautions against taking on new credit for Black Friday purchases such as credit cards or installment loans known as buy now, pay later plans because of the potential interest charges or impact on your credit score if you're unable to repay.

And that's a real possibility: According to a 2022 Holiday Shopping Report from NerdWallet, 31% of holiday shoppers who used a credit card to buy gifts in 2021 are still carrying debt. □

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Studies find automatic braking can cut crashes over 40%

By **TOM KRISHER**
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Two new U.S. studies show that automatic emergency braking can cut the number of rear-end automobile crashes in half, and reduce pickup truck crashes by more than 40%.

The studies released Tuesday, one by a government-auto industry partnership and the other by the insurance industry, each used crash data to make the calculations. Automatic emergency braking can stop vehicles if a crash is imminent, or slow them to reduce the severity.

Some automakers are moving toward a voluntary commitment by 20 companies to make the braking technology standard equipment on 95% of their light-duty models during the current model year that ends next August.

A study by The Partnership for Analytics Research in Traffic Safety compared data on auto equipment with 12 million police-reported crashes from 13 states that was collected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the partnership said in a statement Tuesday. The group studied forward collision warning as well as emergency braking. The group found front-to-rear crashes were cut 49% when the striking vehicle had forward collision alert plus automatic braking, when compared with vehicles that didn't have either system. Rear crashes with injuries were cut by 53%, the study found.

Vehicles with forward collision warning systems only reduced rear-end crashes by 16%, and cut rear crashes with injuries by 19%. □

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Twists, themes, sound effects: Jigsaw puzzles for all ages

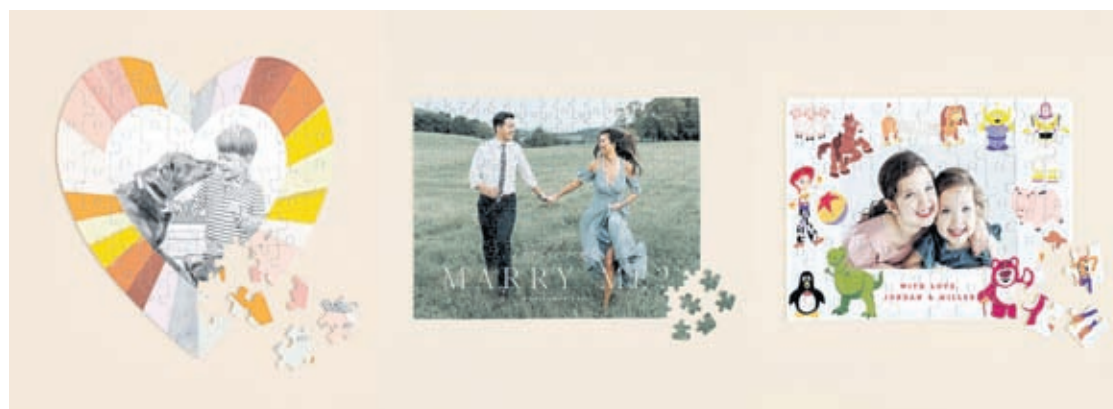
By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Jigsaw puzzlers found their happy place, and their people, during the pandemic. Puzzling was already a thing, but soon more groups formed on social media, while popular puzzles disappeared quickly from online and actual shelves.

Sales for one big puzzle maker, Ravensburger, soared 370% year over year in the first couple of weeks of lockdown in 2020.

Inventories have mostly recovered, although there are still "sold out" tags on some sites. And even though many people have returned to pre-lockdown life, the love of jigsaw puzzles stuck around. We're still sorting and assembling, and getting that little kick when we successfully place a piece. Puzzle pros say assembling the border is the best way to start. Then sort by color, pattern and, in really big puzzles, section. (At this year's World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship in Spain, Alejandro Clemente completed a 500-piece puzzle in just over 34 minutes. Most people take between two and seven hours on that size puzzle.)

This holiday season, in a world that seems anxious on many fronts, maybe a good gift would be a jigsaw puzzle. A few hours can be spent putting something together, with a beautiful pic-



This combination of images shows a variety of personalized puzzles offered by Minted.

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ture the result. Call it piecing together some personal peace; puzzle therapy.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

One-thousand piece puzzles are perfect for confident puzzlers like Janet Rosen, a lawyer in Evanston, Illinois, who loved puzzling as a child and got back into it during the pandemic. A gardener and reader, she was happy to receive a couple of hand-me-down puzzles from a friend: one of vintage gardening books, by Ravensburger, another of classic British book covers.

"I like the challenge, and the concrete method of overcoming the challenge," she says.

At SeriousPuzzles.com, you'll find Cavallini & Co's gorgeous vintage illustrations of constellations, minerals, jellyfish, mushrooms and other collections, offered in gift-worthy reusable canisters. Also at the site is a fun retro Christmas puzzle from Cobble Hill fea-

turing midcentury holiday imagery.

And the retailer offers a collection of dynamic, artsy jigsaws from Puzzles of Color, a company started by Texas siblings Ericka Chambers and William Jones to promote artists of color. The puzzles are standard sizes when finished, so you can easily frame and display them. Some puzzlers like to sort by separating piece shapes. If that's you, you'll have fun with the lineup from Magic Puzzle Company, a company kickstarted during the pandemic. The puzzles, set in scenes like a magical maze, a sunny cityscape or an island paradise, have surprise shapes like animals and clouds amidst the regular pieces. (Magic Puzzles also have a twist in each one, and without giving too much away let's just say it involves a separate bag of pieces you aren't meant to open until you've completed the main puzzle.)

Puzzle lovers Jena Wolfe and Rachel Hochhauser, colleagues at a Los Angeles creative agency, started the online shop Piecework a few years ago. They came up with the idea after Hochhauser was stuck during bad weather in a Yosemite rental cabin, and passed the time with a bunch of dusty old jigsaw puzzles she found in a cupboard.

They wanted to design eye-catching and satisfying thematic puzzles where the art takes center stage. "We like to balance the components that make a great puzzle variation in color, objects and textures," Hochhauser says.

"We wanted to create jigsaws that someone would want to gift as a hostess present, or whip out after a dinner party to work on during dessert."

Going a step further, the duo even created Spotify playlists to accompany many of their puzzles. A still

life of moody flower heads gets a soulful, jazz-tinged playlist. One new one, Apres Ski, features '80s-era alpine gear, a fondue pot and a snowy alpine backdrop. The playlist has a lot of Tears for Fears, TOTO, Flock of Seagulls and similar music to help set the Euro disco vibe.

To create a personalized puzzle, using your own photos, try Minted. There are square and heart-shaped layouts, and it's a nice way to celebrate family members or a great vacation. For those planning a wedding, there are sweet little "reveal" puzzles in which you can ask the recipient to be a bridesmaid, ring bearer or other participant.

YOUNGER KIDS

The folks at childrens' toy company Melissa & Doug have boxed sets of wooden puzzles marked for ages 3 and up. Choose from four dinosaurs or four household pets; the lid serves as an assembling tray, and the wood box makes for easy storage. The company's got jigsaws with sound effects, too, to delight the littlest puzzlers. Choose from a farm, firehouse, zoo, orchestra and more, including licensed character tie-ins.

Large, colorful puzzles of the solar system or ocean floor would be fun to assemble: finished size is 2-by-3 feet, and the 48 pieces are big and sturdy. □

Jay Leno suffers burns in gasoline fire, says he's 'OK'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jay Leno suffered "serious burns" but said Monday that he was doing OK, according to reports.

"I got some serious burns from a gasoline fire," Leno said in a statement to The Associated Press.

"I am ok. Just need a week or two to get back on my feet."

The cause and time of the fire wasn't immediately clear. The former "Tonight Show" host is known for

his famed car collection, which is housed at a garage in Burbank, north of Los Angeles.

Leno, 72, had been set to appear at a financial conference in Las Vegas on Sunday but canceled because of a "serious medical emergency," People magazine reported earlier Monday, citing an email sent to those attending the conference.

The comedian took over NBC's "Tonight" when

longtime host Johnny Carson retired in 1992. Leno was succeeded by Conan O'Brien in 2009, but NBC got cold feet when the show's ratings dropped and brought Leno back as host in 2010.

He remained in the job until Jimmy Fallon took over in 2014. Leno turned his love of cars into a CNBC series, "Jay Leno's Garage," and now hosts a revival of the game show "You Bet Your Life." □



Jay Leno attends the Hand in Hand: A Benefit for Hurricane Harvey Relief in Los Angeles on Sept. 12, 2017.

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Latinos love football, but numbers lag at NFL, college level

By **DAVID BRANDT**

AP Sports Writer

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) —

Benjamin Ley-Shipley is like thousands of other teenagers across the United States. He's a high school football player who loves the game and has hopes of playing at the small college level over the next few years.

He's a running back, defensive back and a stand-out on special teams. He's also a long-suffering Chicago Bears fan.

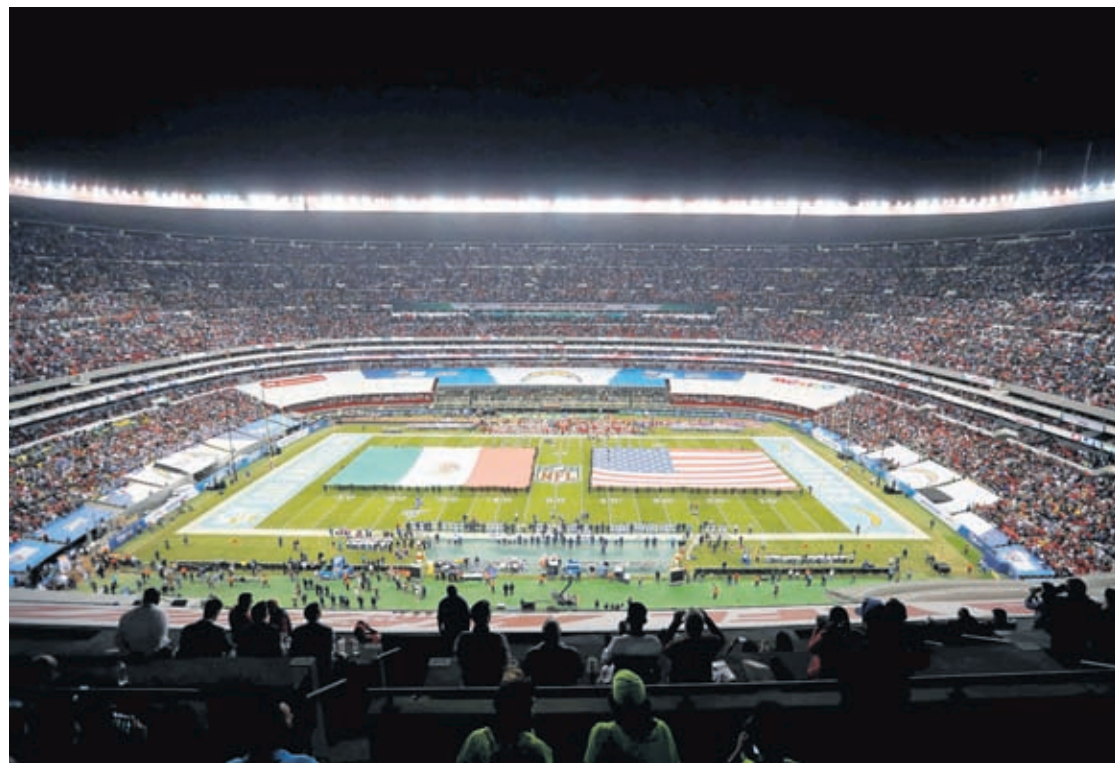
And like an increasingly larger share of the country, he's also Latino.

"I tried football out in eighth grade and just fell in love with it," Ley-Shipley said. "The teamwork involved, it really fit. There's nothing quite like it. If you're weak in one area, it can affect everything."

The popularity of football in this town of about 20,000 on the border between Arizona and Mexico sometimes takes a backseat to that of soccer, baseball or basketball, but there's little doubt football has gained a substantial foothold over the last few decades. Ley-Shipley whose father is from Mexico just wrapped up his senior season and has received some interest from a few NCAA Division III college programs.

"I just hope they know there's some good players down here," the 18-year-old said.

It's a curious phenomenon for football: While the game continues to build its al-



The flags of Mexico and the United States cover the field before an NFL football game between the Los Angeles Chargers and the Kansas City Chiefs Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, in Mexico City.

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ready substantial Latino fan base, particularly among Mexican-Americans as well as in Mexico itself, it hasn't really translated to more Latino players in the NFL or at the college level.

Latinos' love of football particularly in Mexico is clear. That passion will be on display Monday night when the Arizona Cardinals face the San Francisco 49ers at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City. A sellout crowd is expected. It's one of five international games for the NFL this season, though it's the only one not in Europe.

According to a report by the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sport, there were just 12 players in the NFL

who identified as Latino in 2021, or less than 1% of the league. That number has stayed fairly steady over the past 20 years, though categories have changed and been added, with nearly 10% of the league identifying as 'two or more races' in 2021.

The numbers for NCAA Division I college football players are slightly better, with 3.4% identifying as Latino. But those figures are still way below the 18.7% of the U.S. population that identified as Latino, according to the 2020 Census.

Nogales coach Jake Teyechea said he's worked hard to get some of his players more looks from col-

lege coaches. Ley-Shipley and Esteban Acevedo a 6-foot-4 offensive linemen are two players he believes could help a college team. "It just comes down to getting those coaches down here," Teyechea said. "We all want the same thing for them. We want them to grow up, be better men and help wherever they can. I wish these schools would come out and give it a chance. I think they'd be surprised at what they find." The 49ers-Cardinals matchup on Monday comes about 17 years after the two teams were part of the first regular-season NFL game played outside of the U.S., which was also

at Estadio Azteca. Arizona beat San Francisco 31-14 in 2005 in front of more than 100,000 fans.

This will be the fifth regular season game played at Estadio Azteca and the first since 2019.

Rolando Cantú was part of that 2005 Cardinals team as an offensive lineman and is now a broadcast analyst for Telemundo. He'll be working the game Monday night and said he can't wait for Mexico City to get another moment in the spotlight.

"It instantly becomes a playoff or Super Bowl-type environment for whatever teams are involved," Cantu said. "A lot has changed, the fan base has a lot of youth. The NFL has done a great job at the grass roots levels with kids camps.

"Every year, the fan engagement is better."

Cantú also credited the NFL for expanding its flag football reach in Mexico, which is more accessible for some kids because it doesn't involve buying helmets and pads that can be prohibitively expensive.

As the NFL eyes expansion opportunities outside of the U.S., Mexico City would make sense. One advantage is that time zone considerations wouldn't be an issue (like it would be for a European-based team). It would also be a normal flight for most teams, particularly those based in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Phoenix or Houston. □

Netherlands to host Solheim Cup for 1st time in 2026

LONDON (AP) — The Netherlands will host the Solheim Cup for the first time after being chosen to stage the biggest team event in women's golf in 2026.

Bernardus Golf will host the event, organizers said Tuesday. The course in Cromvoirt, a village in southern Netherlands close to the historic cathedral city of Den Bosch, opened in 2018 and has already hosted the

Dutch Open on the men's European tour in 2021 and 2022 and will do so again next year.

Catriona Matthew, who was Europe's captain for Solheim Cup victories in 2019 and 2021, described Bernardus as "an amazing venue."

"It kind of reminded me a little bit of a links course," Matthew said. "There's going to be a lot of risk-reward

on the last few holes so it's going to be exciting and that's what the fans want to come and see."

Europe will defend the trophy against the United States at Finca Cortesin in Spain in September next year.

The Solheim Cup will then revert to being held in even years, with Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Virginia hosting in 2024. □



Nelly Korda shows the championship trophy after winning the LPGA Pelican Women's Championship golf tournament at Pelican Golf Club, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in Belleair, Fla.

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World Cup prize money disparity is an obstacle to Equal Pay

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World Cup prize money continues to be a sticking point for equality in soccer, despite the historic equal pay agreement between U.S. Soccer and its men's and women's teams. Earlier this year, the U.S. national teams decided to split prize money, which means that the haul from playing in the sport's most prestigious tournaments will be distributed equally between players for both teams after the federation takes a cut off the top. It was a landmark agreement, hailed as an important step for equality even beyond sports. But other nations haven't followed suit.

At the heart of the matter is the huge disparity in prize money between the men's and women's tournaments and how it is eventually passed on by federations to their players.

FIFA has earmarked \$440 million in prize money for this year's men's World Cup. The winner in Qatar will take home \$42 million. The U.S. women won \$4 million from a \$30 million pot at the 2019 Women's World Cup. FIFA president Gianni Infantino has proposed doubling the prize money for the 2023 event, but the field has expanded from 24 to 32 teams.

That could change. FIFA



The United States' team celebrates with the trophy after winning the Women's World Cup final soccer match against The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France, July 7, 2019.

secretary-general Fatma Samoura recently suggested that the final prize money total for the women could be greater.

"Today, the men's World Cup is the one that is funding all the FIFA competitions, including the Women's World Cup. But we have seen new trends in terms of revenues," she said at an event in Sydney. Some countries including Australia, Ireland, Brazil, Norway and others have made significant strides toward equal match and appearance fees, but an equal division of pooled

World Cup prize money hasn't been part of those deals.

Brazil announced equal pay for its men's and women's teams in 2020 but the agreement pays the women a "proportionately equal" amount or the same percentage of World Cup prize money.

In July, Spain's federation also agreed to give its female players a percentage of bonuses equal to the men's side, as well as earnings from sponsorships, image rights and improved working conditions. It did not reveal specifics.

Lisa Delpy Neirotti, associate professor of Sport Management at George Washington University, said there is a three-pronged approach for equal pay: Public sentiment has to be for it, the women have to be unified in their demands, and the players need allies, as in the case of the U.S. men's team.

That might be a tough ask in countries like France and Germany, both successful World Cup nations, because the men's team would give up a lucrative payday.

France, which won \$38 mil-

lion for winning the 2018 World Cup in Russia, distributed \$11 million between the 23 players on the squad.

In contrast, the U.S. women have been more successful than the men, winning the last two World Cups. The U.S. men failed to qualify for the 2018 tournament in Russia.

"If the (U.S.) women continue to do better than the men, it's not really hurting the men. Even though the men get more, the women can actually contribute just as much if they keep going," Neirotti said.

"But it's not always the same economics in other countries where the men go further in the tournament and thus generate a larger prize pool. So obviously the economics of coupling that with women would probably be more significantly hurting the men than the women."

Players like Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe and Becky Sauerbrunn tirelessly campaigned for pay equity, spurring chants of "Equal Pay" at the World Cup final three years ago in France and gaining public support. Then the women worked with the men's union to forge an agreement, securing both sides a larger share of the overall prize money after the federation's stake. □

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Nadal loses to Auger-Aliassime, on brink of ATP Finals exit

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Rafael Nadal's error-strewn performance damaged his chances Tuesday of adding the ATP Finals trophy to his glittering list of titles.

The top-seeded Nadal lost 6-3, 6-4 to tournament debutant Felix Auger-Aliassime to leave him with two straight defeats in Turin.

The 36-year-old Nadal has now lost four straight matches for only the second time in his career, following defeats at the U.S. Open and Paris.

It was Auger-Aliassime's first victory over Nadal in three

attempts.

Nadal was beaten by eighth-seeded Taylor Fritz of the United States in their opening match on Sunday. The fifth-seeded Auger-Aliassime also lost his opener, to Casper Ruud, and so Tuesday's match was crucial to both players' hopes of staying in the tournament.

The turning point came in the eighth game. Nadal was 40-0 up on his serve but two double-faults and a string of errors handed Auger-Aliassime the first break of the match.

Nadal had already wasted four break points, including two in the first game.

Auger-Aliassime served out for the set and went on to break Nadal's serve again in the third game of the second set. The Canadian sealed the match at his first opportunity when Nadal hit a return into the net.

Nadal could be eliminated from the tournament later unless Fritz beats the third-seeded Ruud in two sets.

Nadal has never won the ATP Finals title in 10 attempts. He finished runner-up in 2010 and 2013. □



Rafael Nadal reacts during his singles tennis match with Felix Auger-Aliassime at the ATP World Tour Finals, at the Pala Alpitour in Turin, Italy, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022.

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